

**Amendments to the Abstract**

On page 28 of the specification, please replace the Abstract with the following replacement Abstract.

**ABSTRACT**

A system and method for inserting an instrument into a body cavity using an instrument having an elongate body with a proximal end, a selectively steerable distal end and a lumen therebetween. The elongate body has a plurality of selectively steerable segments and a plurality of transponders. Each of the transponders has a signature, and an external navigation unit is provided for detecting the signature of each of the transponders.